#### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes\_

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Property Name: Park Hall/Locust Grove Rural Historic Landscape Inventory Number: WA-III-179 Address: City: Rohrersville & Boonsboro Zip Code: County: Washington USGS Topographic Map: Keedysville Owner: Multiple Owners Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes Tax Parcel Number: Tax Map Number: Tax Account ID Number: Project: DBM-0475-Lamb's Knoll DOE Agency: Maryland Dept. of Budget and Mgmt. Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: Date: Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_X no If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: NR-listed district \_\_\_\_yes Eligible district \_\_\_\_yes Name of District: Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_\_ yes If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes \_\_\_\_\_no \_\_\_A \_\_B <u>X</u> C D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_ B \_\_ C \_\_ D \_\_ E \_\_ F \_\_ G \_\_ None Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo) SUMMARY STATEMENT The Park Hall/Locust Grove Rural Historic Landscape is significant as an intact rural agricultural and architectural landscape that illustrates historic farming practices in Washington County, Maryland, as well as the stylistic and structural adaptations of the foreign-born settlers who traveled the Great Wagon Road from Philadelphia in order to settle in this region. HISTORICAL CONTEXT The landscape of Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland is dominated by the Blue Ridge Mountains, including South and Catoctin Mountains, and the Great Valley, which is the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. During the Contact and Settlement (1570-1750), and Rural Agrarian Intensification (1680-1815) periods, settlers moved into the piedmont region of Maryland from two directions: southward through the Valley from Pennsylvania, and westward over the mountains from the more settled lands of eastern Maryland. This pattern of settlement, with German, Scotch-Irish, and English settlers moving inland from Philadelphia and Baltimore, would continue throughout the eighteenth century, and into the second half of the nineteenth century. MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Criteria: XA B XC D Considerations: A B C D E F G None **MHT Comments** Office of Preservation Services

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The Park Hall/Locust Grove Rural Historic Landscape has no known association with either events or individuals, thus disqualifying it for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and B. Criterion D, information potential, was not evaluated in the course of this study.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property approx. 1780

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Quadrangle name

Keedysville

Quadrangle scale

1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Park Hall/Locust Grove Rural Historic District is bounded on the west by Rte. 67, on the north by Reno Monument Road, on the east by South Mountain, and on the south by the farmsteads lining Locust Grove Road. The highway on the west, Rte. 67, provides a substantial boundary that interrupts the landscape that is so consistent throughout the district. North of Reno Monument Road, the landscape changes, and becomes more wooded. South Mountain on the east also interrupts the landscape. There is no direct connection from Locust Grove Road to the areas south of it, so the farmsteads lining the road also provides a substantial boundary.

## 11. Form Prepared By

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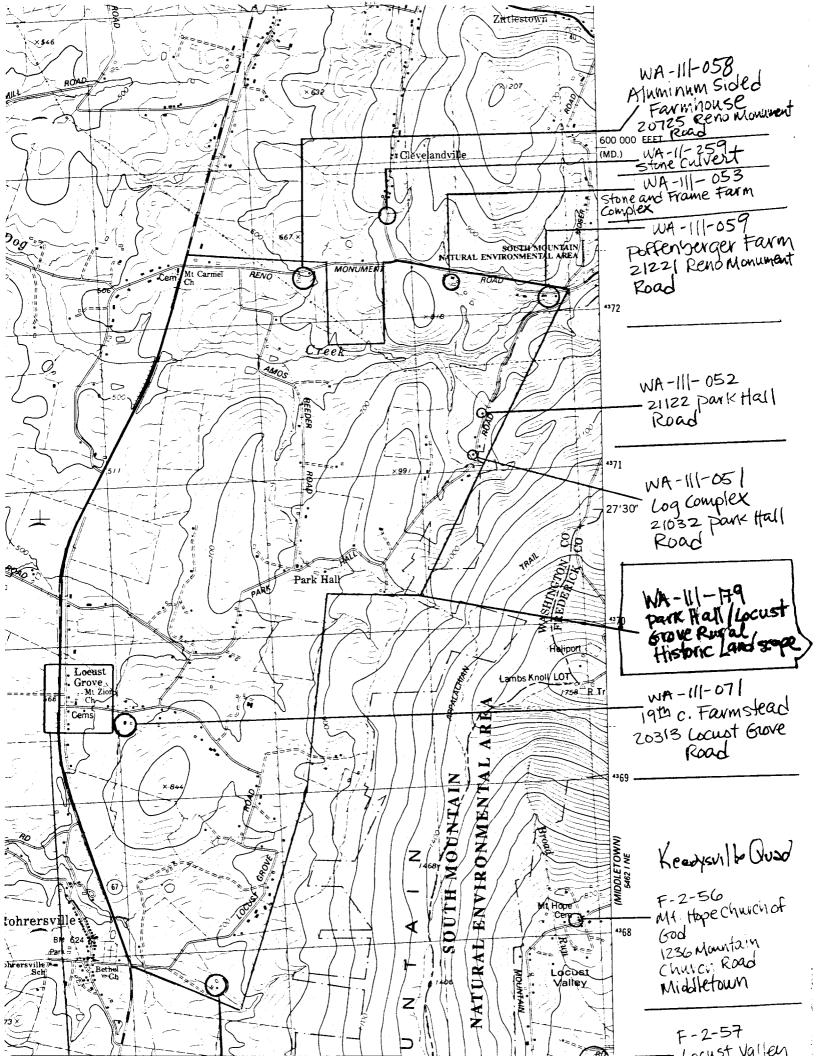
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